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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the Potato Price Survey, various fruit and vegetable surveys, and the 1999 Hog Report and December Agricultural Survey of field crops.

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CENSUS REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE AND COMING SOON

FARM IRRIGATION REPORT: The results of the **1998 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey** were released on the Internet on November 8, 1999 and hard copies are now available. The full Irrigation report is 150 pages and copies are being sent to all State Departments of Agriculture, Extension, Farm Bureau, FSA and NRCS state and local offices. If you need your own copy, send an e-mail to nass-nh@nass.usda.gov and request the Irrigation report along with your name and mailing address.

1998 AQUACULTURE CENSUS: The results of the first-ever Census of Aquaculture will be released on February 3, 2000. The census was conducted in all states for all aquaculture commodities including fish, baitfish, ornamental fish, mollusks, crustaceans, etc. **1998 CENSUS OF HORTICULTURAL SPECIALTIES:** Results will be released on March 31, 2000. This is a comprehensive report of all horticultural commodities in all states including floriculture, nursery, sod, mushrooms, greenhouse food crops, aquatic plants, Christmas trees, etc. This is the first horticultural census taken since 1988.

Both of the census reports mentioned above will first appear on the Internet. The hard copy reports will be available sometime after the Internet release date; they will be sent to all known grower associations and extension specialists, to all State Departments of Agriculture, Extension, Farm Bureau, FSA and NRCS state and local offices.

INTERNET ACCESS - To discover the wealth of irrigation, aquaculture, horticulture and other agricultural data available from NASS resources, including hundreds of commodity production and price reports, or to review a full catalog of NASS products/services, visit the NASS Home Page at www.usda.gov/nass/. Click on "Census of Agriculture" to view the reports mentioned above and all other census statistics available from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand January 1, 2000 totaled 13.0 million cwt.(hundredweight), 4 percent above 1999's January 1 holdings. Disappearance to January 1 in the state totaled 4.8 million cwt., compared with 5.6 million cwt. a year earlier. Storage accounted for 73 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous 5-year average of 70 percent. Of the stocks on hand

January 1 in Maine, 48 percent were round white varieties, 10 percent were long whites, 39 percent were russets, and 3 percent were red varieties.

The 15 major potato States held 238 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2000, down 3 percent from the last two years. Storage accounted for 57 percent of 1999 fall production, one percentage point below last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 11 percent round white, 4 percent long white (Shepody) and 83 percent russet; with more russets, and fewer whites than a year ago.

Disappearance in the 15 States from the start of harvest to January 1, 2000 was a record high 182 million cwt, up 3 percent from the same period last year and slightly above the previous record high in 1996. December's disappearance set a new record 36.2 million cwt, 4 percent more than a year ago. Shrink and loss jumped to 21.1 million cwt this season, down 3 percent from 1998, but 22 percent above two years ago. December losses, at 3.89 million cwt, reflect heavy clean-up in the north-central States.

Processors used 90.3 million cwt of 1999 crop potatoes so far this season, up fractionally from a year ago and 8 percent above two years ago. December usage was 15.7 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year's record high, but 3 percent above 1997.

VEGETABLES & FIELD CROPS: New England farmers took advantage of ideal spring planting conditions in 1999, and many crops were seeded from 1 to 2 weeks early. However, a lack of significant rainfall between May and September and one of the hottest summers on record stressed crops and forced farmers to irrigate where possible. By the end of September, all 67 New England counties had been declared agricultural disaster areas or were contiguous to a county that was declared a disaster area. New England **sweet corn** production for fresh market totaled 976,000 cwt. in 1999, 11 percent less than 1998 output. Although acreage planted increased in 1999, growers in the six-state region only harvested 16,200 acres in 1999, with many acres not harvested due to drought. Yields on average were also lower in 1999, averaging 60 cwt. per acre, down 4 cwt. per acre from the previous year. Value of sweet corn production was placed at \$29.5 million in 1999, a reduction of 12 percent from the previous year. The Massachusetts fresh market **tomato** crop weighed in at 56,000 cwt. in 1999, a 20 percent decrease in production from the previous year's crop. Growers were adversely affected by the summer drought conditions and heavy rain in September which caused splitting. Growers harvested 450 acres in 1999, with yields averaging 125 cwt. per acre. Farmers received an average of \$100.00 per cwt. for the 1999 tomato crop, unchanged from a year earlier. Total value, at \$5.6 million, was down 20 percent from the previous year.

New England's **corn silage** crop weighed in at 3.5 million tons in 1999, 3 percent less than 1998 tonnage. Corn acreage harvested for silage in the six-state region was 7 percent below the previous year, increased yields were not enough to help offset the decrease in total tonnage. Both silage yield and quality were extremely variable depending on rainfall availability. In 1998, corn silage yields in New England averaged 18.1 tons per acre compared with 17.3 tons per acre in 1998.

Grain oat production in the state of Maine totaled 1.76 million bushels in 1999, up fractionally from the previous year's output. Warm and dry conditions through May allowed growers to have the crop planted well ahead of normal. Harvested acreage totaled 22,000 acres, 2,000 acres fewer than 1998's grain acreage. Excellent growing and harvesting conditions contributed to a high yielding grain crop of 80 bushels per acre, up from 73 bushels per acre in 1998 and the highest in the state since 1992.

The 1999 season had low **dry hay** yields throughout New England. Weather conditions were quite poor during the crop year due to drought. By the end of the season all of the counties in New England had been declared disaster areas or contiguous to a disaster area. Compared to 1998, 10,000 more acres of dry hay were harvested, however an 19 percent decrease in yield contributed to the 17 percent decrease in total production. Total dry hay production in New England was 1.0 million tons. Lower production in 1999 led to decreased **hay stocks** in New England. As of December 1, 1999, stocks levels were 27 percent below the previous year.

Maine's 1999 **potato** production is estimated at 17.8 million cwt. (hundredweight), 1 percent under 1998 output. The December 1 production forecast placed acres harvested at 62,500 acres, compared with 64,500 harvested the previous year. The crop was planted from 1 - 2 weeks early, and warm, dry weather with occasional showers during the summer produced above average yields at many locations. As harvest was gaining momentum in mid-September however, a prolonged stretch of rainy weather settled in. Potato harvest was slowed to a crawl as farmers were forced to wait for fields to dry out before they could enter with heavy equipment. An estimated 2,500 acres were abandoned due to wet conditions at harvest. Potato yields averaged 285 cwt. per acre statewide in 1999, compared with 280 cwt. per acre in 1998, and the previous 5-year average of 256 cwt. per acre.

Potato farmers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island also took advantage of ideal spring planting conditions, and had the crop seeded from 1 to 2 weeks early. Dry conditions continued throughout the summer, and non-irrigated fields sustained excessive damage. Growers reported a high quality, high yielding crop on irrigated acreage. September rains arrived when harvest was at the halfway mark, providing needed rainfall, however too late to improve conditions in most fields. Massachusetts growers harvested 2,900 acres, unchanged from the previous year, with yields averaging 255 cwt per acre. Rhode Island farmers harvested 600 acres, with average yields of 225 cwt per acre.

Prolonged heat and humidity with little rainfall provided less than optimal growing conditions for the 1999 **broadleaf and shade tobacco** crops. Growers irrigated if equipment was available, and maintained an aggressive spray schedule to combat the spread of

blue mold disease. Many were successful in their efforts. As of December 1, 1999 broadleaf yields were expected to average 1,806 lbs/ac in Connecticut and Massachusetts, above 1998's blue mold-reduced yield. Acreage and yield estimates as of December 1 placed total broadleaf production at 4.4 million lbs in the 2 states, the largest broadleaf crop on record for the region since 1959. Shade yields were expected to average 1,597 lbs/acre in the Connecticut River Valley, with excellent quality reported.

FRUITS: The 1999 New England **apple** crop available for utilization totaled 5.7 million bushels (42-pound units), 67 percent above 1998 utilized production. Bloom came early to New England. Sunny and dry weather from May 10 to 14 provided favorable conditions for beekeepers to move hives into orchards for pollination. The resulting fruit set was above average. Dry conditions continued through June and July, making fruit drop a problem. An estimated 27.5 million pounds were not harvested region wide in 1999. Severest hit were Maine and Vermont. Fruit size was generally small due to the heavy set, with quality good to excellent. A preliminary estimate of value of utilized production shows the 1999 New England apple crop valued at \$64.2 million, 68 percent above the previous year. A revised estimate of value will be available in July 2000, after the bulk of the 1999 crop has been marketed.

Pear growers reported a good bloom and pollination conditions were good with an average set. Lack of moisture hurt the crop and placed it in fair to poor condition. Pear producers harvested 950 tons, 14 percent below the previous year. Pear value at \$736,000, was 14 percent below the previous year. The 1999 utilized **peach** production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 88,000 bushels, 6 percent over 1998 utilized output. The value of the 1999 peach crop in the two states was placed at \$3.0 million, 2 percent above the 1998 value.

1999 **cranberry** production in Massachusetts was 1.9 million barrels, 1 percent above last year's output. Massachusetts acreage increased by 400 acres to 14,800. Cranberry yield per acre averaged 127.4 barrels in Massachusetts. Based on a special survey conducted in January, Massachusetts cranberries averaged \$26.70 per barrel. The nation's cranberry crop totaled 6.4 million barrels in 1999, 17 percent above 1998's production.

Maine's **wild blueberry** crop is estimated to be 65.9 million pounds, 5 percent above 1998's output, and 11 percent below 1997 production.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service over the past few weeks. All national reports and state-level newsletters, such as this, are available on the Internet.

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FALL POTATOES: Production and January 1 Stocks ^{1/}, 1999 - 2000

STATE	1998 Crop			1999 Crop			
	Production	Stocks Jan 1, 1999	Stocks as % of Prod	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 1999	Stocks Jan 1, 2000	Stocks as % of Prod
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt			Percent
California	3,708	2,400	65	4,005	3,200	2,500	62
Colorado	25,360	16,500	65	25,762	19,500	17,300	67
Idaho	138,000	89,000	64	133,330	96,000	86,000	65
Maine	18,060	12,500	69	17,813	14,500	13,000	73
Michigan	14,648	7,500	51	14,963	8,800	7,100	47
Minnesota	21,170	12,000	57	18,020	10,000	8,500	47
Montana	3,180	2,980	94	3,325	3,220	3,120	94
Nebraska	8,175	3,900	48	8,904	5,300	4,320	49
New York	7,290	2,300	32	6,758	3,700	2,600	38
North Dakota	28,670	17,500	61	26,400	16,500	13,000	49
Ohio	1,200	150	13	987	250	120	12
Oregon	26,229	17,500	67	28,020	22,800	20,500	73
Pennsylvania	3,360	1,500	45	3,080	1,600	1,200	39
Washington	93,225	43,500	47	95,200	48,000	41,000	43
Wisconsin	30,895	17,000	55	34,000	21,000	17,900	53
15 STATES	423,170	246,230	58	420,567	274,370	238,160	57

^{1/} Reliability of the stocks estimate is 2.8 percent. This means chances are 2 out of 3 the current estimate will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 the difference will not exceed 4.8 percent.

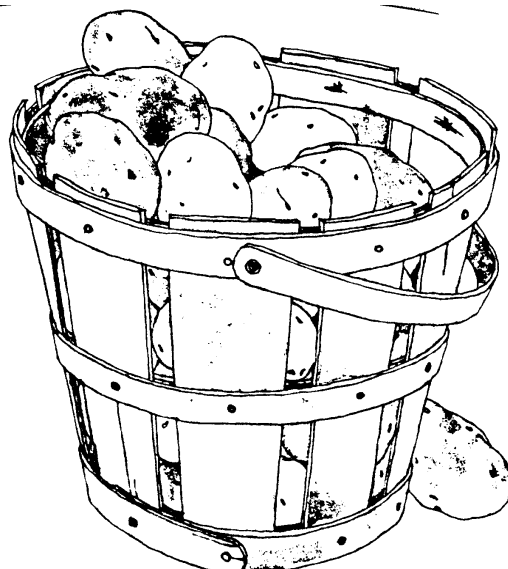
SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 pm, January 14, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1994 - 1999 Crop Years

CROP YEAR	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt										
1994	5.65	4.85	5.25	5.70	6.00	6.20	6.25	6.60	6.70	6.15	6.10
1995	5.55	5.25	5.85	6.25	6.25	6.30	6.30	6.60	6.85	7.05	6.40
1996	5.20	4.70	4.90	4.35	4.35	4.65	4.50	4.75	5.05	4.55	4.60
1997	8.10	5.65	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.10	6.35	6.55	6.95	6.75	6.40
1998	6.25	5.40	5.70	5.85	5.90	6.15	6.45	6.90	7.45	7.05	6.45
1999 ^{2/}	5.90	5.30	5.50	6.30	6.40						

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed ^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, December 30, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



VEGETABLES & FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Values, 1998 - 1999

CROPS	Area Planted for all purposes		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Value of Production ^{1/}	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Tomatoes, fresh market	Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt		1,000 Dollars	
Massachusetts	500	530	450	450	155	125	70	56	7,000	5,600
Sweet Corn, fresh market										
Connecticut	5,400	5,700	4,500	3,800	65	50	293	190	7,911	4,560
Maine	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,500	55	55	127	138	4,191	4,278
Massachusetts	8,100	8,300	6,400	6,300	65	70	416	441	12,480	13,671
New Hampshire	2,200	2,300	1,800	1,800	60	60	108	108	4,104	3,888
Rhode Island	1,100	1,100	1,000	800	80	55	80	44	2,640	1,408
Vermont	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,000	65	55	72	55	2,016	1,705
NEW ENGLAND	21,000	21,600	17,100	16,200	64	60	1,096	976	33,492	29,510
Potatoes	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	65.5	65.0	64.5	62.5	280	285	18,060	17,813	116,487	--
Massachusetts	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	235	255	682	740	4,263	--
Rhode Island	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	210	225	147	135	970	--
NEW ENGLAND	69.1	68.6	68.1	66.0	277	283	18,889	18,688	121,720	--
Oats for Grain	1,000 Acres				Bushels		1,000 Bushels		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	25.0	27.0	24.0	22.0	73.0	80.0	1,752	1,760	--	--
Corn for Silage	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	35	38	30	31	17.0	17.5	510	543	14,790	15,747
Maine	34	33	31	30	16.5	18.0	512	540	15,872	16,200
Massachusetts	25	26	22	21	19.5	18.5	429	389	14,157	12,448
New Hampshire	15	15	14	15	18.5	19.5	259	293	7,770	8,497
Rhode Island	3	3	3	3	18.0	16.5	54	50	1,701	1,500
Vermont	112	106	107	93	17.0	18.0	1,819	1,674	50,932	45,198
NEW ENGLAND	224	221	207	193	17.3	18.1	3,583	3,489	105,222	99,590
Dry Hay			1,000 Acres Harvested		Tons		1,000 Tons		1,000 Dollars	
Alfalfa										
Connecticut	--	--	8	11	2.20	1.70	18	19	--	--
Maine	--	--	13	12	2.50	1.70	33	20	--	--
Massachusetts	--	--	18	17	1.80	1.90	32	32	--	--
New Hampshire	--	--	8	7	3.00	2.20	24	15	--	--
Rhode Island	--	--	2	1	3.00	1.80	6	2	--	--
Vermont	--	--	45	45	2.30	1.70	104	77	--	--
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	94	93	2.31	1.77	217	165	--	--
Other Hay										
Connecticut	--	--	55	50	2.00	1.50	110	75	--	--
Maine	--	--	145	150	1.70	1.40	247	210	--	--
Massachusetts	--	--	85	90	2.00	1.50	170	135	--	--
New Hampshire	--	--	48	55	1.85	1.70	89	94	--	--
Rhode Island	--	--	8	7	2.00	1.80	16	13	--	--
Vermont	--	--	200	200	2.00	1.70	400	340	--	--
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	541	552	1.91	1.57	1,032	867	--	--
All Hay										
Connecticut	--	--	63	61	2.03	1.54	128	94	--	--
Maine	--	--	158	162	1.77	1.42	280	230	--	--
Massachusetts	--	--	103	107	1.96	1.56	202	167	--	--
New Hampshire	--	--	56	62	2.02	1.76	113	109	--	--
Rhode Island	--	--	10	8	2.20	1.88	22	15	--	--
Vermont	--	--	245	245	2.06	1.70	504	417	--	--
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	635	645	1.97	1.60	1,249	1,032	--	--
Tobacco			Acres Harvested		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Dollars	
Broadleaf (Type 51)										
Connecticut	--	--	1,435	1,460	1,600	1,800	2,296	2,628	--	--
Massachusetts	--	--	925	960	1,445	1,815	1,337	1,742	--	--
CT & MA Total	--	--	2,360	2,420	1,539	1,806	3,633	4,370	--	--
Shade (Type 61)										
Connecticut	--	--	1,380	1,490	1,435	1,620	1,980	2,414	2/	2/
Massachusetts	--	--	340	350	1,325	1,500	451	525	2/	2/
CT & MA Total	--	--	1,720	1,840	1,413	1,597	2,431	2,939	2/	2/

^{1/} Value of Production will be available in the **Crop Values** report listed below. *Potato, Oats, Hay, and Broadleaf Tobacco production values will appear in the February Ag Review.* ^{2/} Shade Tobacco value is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SOURCES: **Crop Production - Annual Summary**, 8:30 am, January 12, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Vegetables - Annual Summary, 3:00 pm, January 28, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Crop Values, to be published 3:00 pm, February 11, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FRUIT: Production and Value, 1998 - 1999

CROPS	Production		Utilized Production		Value of Utilized Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Apples (42-lb bu)	1,000 Bushels				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	417	560	405	536	5,920	8,010
Maine	1,060	1,643	1,024	1,429	9,880	14,400
Massachusetts	714	1,476	655	1,310	8,826	16,892
New Hampshire	452	1,131	452	1,071	5,368	11,070
Rhode Island	62	79	52	67	694	931
Vermont	833	1,417	798	1,238	7,438	12,898
NEW ENGLAND	3,538	6,306	3,386	5,651	38,126	64,201
U.S.	277,343	255,745	256,202	250,455	1,322,319	1,678,891
Peaches (48-lb bu)	1,000 Bushels				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	48	46	48	46	1,610	1,430
Massachusetts	38	42	35	42	1,360	1,600
U.S. ^{1/}	50,027	52,529	48,450	50,533	447,297	464,551
Pears	Tons				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	1,100	1,050	1,100	950	853	736
U.S.	955,140	981,550	952,795	979,435	278,089	297,369
Cranberries (100-lb bbl)	1,000 Barrels				1,000 Dollars	
Massachusetts ^{2/}	1,875	1,886	1,875	1,886	69,938	50,356
U.S. ^{3/}	5,444	6,389	5,444	6,389	211,301	4/
Maine ^{5/}	3	3	3	3	171	94
Wild Blueberries ^{6/}	1,000 Pounds				1,000 Dollars	
Maine	--	--	62,981	65,864	28,806	32,902

^{1/} Excludes Clingstone peaches in California. ^{2/} 1999 preliminary cranberry value was requested by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association and funded by the Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture; otherwise, the value would not be available until the third Tuesday of August 2000.

^{3/} United States cranberry totals include Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. ^{4/} Value for 1999 will be available the third Tuesday of August 2000. ^{5/} Maine cranberry data is from the Cranberry Associate at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, 207-581-2940.

^{6/} Wild Blueberry 1999 value is based on price expectations as of September 1999.

SOURCE: **Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts - Preliminary**, 3:00 pm, January 20, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL HOGS & PIGS: December 1 Inventory, 1998 - 1999

STATE	Operations with Hogs		Breeding Hogs		Market Hogs		Total Inventory	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Number		1,000 Head					
Connecticut	250	300	.9	.7	3.1	1.8	4.0	2.5
Maine	400	400	1.4	1.5	5.1	5.5	6.5	7.0
Massachusetts	500	500	3.1	3.2	16.9	17.8	20.0	21.0
New Hampshire	300	250	.6	.8	3.4	2.7	4.0	3.5
Rhode Island	50	60	.7	.5	2.3	2.0	3.0	2.5
Vermont	250	250	.8	.6	2.7	2.4	3.5	3.0
NEW ENGLAND	1,750	1,760	7.5	7.3	33.5	32.2	41.0	39.5
U.S.	113,830	98,460	6,682	6,244	55,523	53,164	62,206	59,407

SOURCE: **Hogs and Pigs**, 3:00 pm, December 28, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL HOGS & PIGS: Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, 1998 - 1999

STATE	December ^{1/} - November					
	Sows Farrowed		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		Head		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	1.2	0.7	8.2	8.2	9.8	5.7
Maine	1.8	2.1	8.0	6.5	14.4	13.7
Massachusetts	3.3	3.6	7.6	6.7	25.0	24.0
New Hampshire	0.6	0.9	8.2	7.2	4.9	6.5
Rhode Island	0.9	0.7	6.7	5.2	5.7	3.6
Vermont	0.9	0.7	8.2	8.3	7.4	5.8
NEW ENGLAND	8.7	8.7	7.7	6.8	67.2	59.3
U.S.	12,061	11,666	8.7	8.8	105,005	102,569

^{1/} December of previous year

SOURCE: **Hogs and Pigs**, 3:00 pm, December 28, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, December 1999 with comparisons

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	162	161	161	1,420	1,335	1,440	230	215	232
New York	702	700	700	1,400	1,360	1,440	983	952	1,008
Pennsylvania	619	618	619	1,435	1,420	1,480	888	878	916
U.S. ^{2/}	7,708	7,758	7,760	1,489	1,459	1,536	11,481	11,317	11,918

^{1/} Average number for the month, including dry cows^{2/} U.S. includes only 20 major states: AZ CA FL ID IL IN IA KY MI MN MO NM NY OH PA TX VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, January 18, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, October - December 1999 with comparisons**

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	Oct - Dec 1998	July - Sep 1999	Oct - Dec 1999	Oct - Dec 1998	July - Sep 1999	Oct - Dec 1999	Oct - Dec 1998	July - Sep 1999	Oct - Dec 1999
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Connecticut	30	28	28	4,400	4,485	4,510	129	126	126
Maine	42	41	41	3,960	4,230	4,020	166	173	165
Massachusetts	25	24	24	4,250	4,320	4,270	106	104	102
New Hampshire	20	19	19	4,020	4,180	4,075	79	79	77
Rhode Island	2.0	2.0	1.9	3,950	3,830	3,860	7.8	7.7	7.3
Vermont	161	161	161	4,135	4,275	4,150	666	688	668
NEW ENGLAND	280.0	275.0	274.9	4,121	4,283	4,166	1,153.8	1,177.7	1,145.3
New York	702	702	700	4,100	4,300	4,200	2,879	3,019	2,940
Pennsylvania	620	615	618	4,230	4,340	4,350	2,623	2,670	2,689
U.S.	9,137	9,166	9,178	4,260	4,340	4,405	38,937	39,784	40,428

^{1/} Average number for quarter including dry cowsSOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, January 18, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY MILK: Average Price Received and Fat Test, December 1999 with comparisons**

STATE	All Milk Price ^{1/}			Fat Test		
	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999 ^{2/}	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999 ^{2/}
	Dollars Per Cwt			Percent		
Connecticut	18.20	16.40	14.10	3.74	3.77	3.75
Maine	18.00	16.10	13.60	3.77	3.80	3.77
Massachusetts	18.50	16.60	14.30	3.82	3.78	3.80
New Hampshire	18.40	16.50	14.20	3.84	3.85	3.85
Rhode Island	18.40	16.50	14.20	3.77	3.72	3.74
Vermont	18.00	16.20	13.90	3.77	3.81	3.78
NEW ENGLAND	18.09	16.26	13.93	3.78	3.80	3.78
U.S. ^{3/}	18.10	14.30	12.40	3.78	3.78	3.79

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling and government withholding. Includes bulk-tanks, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{2/} Most recent monthly price and butterfat test are preliminary mid-month forecasts.^{3/} U.S. includes only 35 major states: AL AZ AR CA CO FL GA ID IL IN IA KS KY LA MD MI MN MS MO NE NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA TN TX UT VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, December 30, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, November 1999 with comparisons

PRODUCT	November 1998	October 1999	November 1999	November 1999 as percent of:	
				November 1998	October 1999
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	4,151	2,919	3,152	76	108
American Cheese ^{1/}	4,442	4,445	3,732	84	84
Mozzarella Cheese	3,386	4,589	5,076	150	111
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	527	575	527	100	92
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	542	558	514	95	92
		1,000 Gallons		Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	3,919	4,575	6,109	156	134
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	342	418	410	120	98
Milk Sherbet, Hard	128	213	234	183	110

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.

^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.

^{3/} Creamed and lowfat

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 pm, January 3, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, November, 1998 - 1999

STATE	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ^{1/}		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ^{1/}		Egg Production from All Layers ^{1/}	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,870	2,914	3,037	3,078	2,305	2,339	70	72
Maine	5,009	4,477	5,118	4,616	2,384	2,318	122	107
U.S.	255,356	263,894	318,797	328,086	2,109	2,139	6,723	7,018

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: **Chickens & Eggs**, 3:00 pm, December 21, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Hatchery Production, November, 1998 - 1999

REGION	Broiler-Type Chicks				Egg-Type Chicks			
	Hatched during Nov		Hatched Jan - Nov		Hatched during Nov		Hatched Jan - Nov	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Birds							
NEW ENGLAND	738	443	9,284	6,733	637	818	8,098	8,146
U.S.	678,003	673,736	7,757,253	7,960,201	31,251	33,078	402,660	416,028

SOURCE: **Chickens & Eggs**, 3:00 pm, December 21, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1, 1998 - 1999

STATE	December 1		1999 as % of 1998
	1998	1999	
	1,000 Tons		Percent
Connecticut	77	47	61
Maine	196	138	70
Massachusetts	101	84	83
New Hampshire	72	65	90
Rhode Island	12	8	67
Vermont	328	229	70
NEW ENGLAND	786	571	73
U.S.	111,839	108,668	97

SOURCE: **Crop Production**, 8:30 am, January 11, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TURKEYS: Numbers Raised, 1998 - 1999

STATE	All Turkeys		1999 as % of 1998
	1998	1999	
	1,000 Birds		Percent
Connecticut	5	5	100
Massachusetts	81	78	96
New Hampshire	14	15	107
Vermont	41	41	100
NEW ENGLAND ^{1/}	141	139	99
U.S.	285,204	272,994	96

^{1/} New England includes CT, MA, NH, VT
SOURCE: **Turkeys**, 3:00 pm, January 12, 2000, National Agricultural
Statistics Service, USDA.

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